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METHOD, LENS MOLD DRYING APPARATUS, AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING PLASTIC LENS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of the Supplementary European Search Report from the EPO dated December 20, 2007, in a counterpart application citing the first four listed documents, together with English-language Abstracts for these documents. Also, the fifth and sixth listed documents JP 64-023224 and JP 2000-500616 were cited during the examination of a corresponding Japanese application. An English translation is provided for JP 64-023224, and JP 2000-500616 corresponds to US 5693148.

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